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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMBASSADOR PARIS REITERATES FRG NUCLEAR
EXPORT POLICY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AXEL
HERBST REITERATED HIS COUNTRY'S INTENTION TO EXPORT
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL IN PUBLIC STATEMENT TO
PRESS CLUB MAY 3. FOR INFO DEPARTMENT, BONN, AND
BRASILIA, EMBASSY TRANSLATES BELOW AGENCE PRESSE
ACCOUNT THIS SPEECH. END SUMMARY

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: AXEL HERBST, AMBASSADOR OF
GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN PARIS, BELIEVES THAT THE
PROBLEM OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORTS IS OF CAPITAL
IMPORTANCE. IN A STATEMENT MADE FOLLOWING DINNER GIVEN
BY FRENCH DIPLOMATIC PRESS WHERE HE WAS THE GUEST OF
HONOR, HERBST IN EFFECT STATED THAT THE PROBLEM WEIGHS
HEAVILY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON ON THE
ONE HAND AND THE OTHER ON THOSE BETWEEN WEST GERMANY AND
THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHICH ARE DEVELOPED ENOUGH
"TO HAVE A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY."
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3. AFTER HAVING STATED THAT THE FAMOUS BRAZILIAN
CONTRACT IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE NONPROLIFERATION
TREATY AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE IAEA IN VIENNA, THE
AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE POWERS WHO HAVE NUCLEAR
"KNOW-HOW" HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN A POLICY OF REFUSAL OR
THE INCLUSION OF THRESHOLD COUNTRIES IN THE CLUB OF

THOSE WHO HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY AND SUBMIT TO
INDISPENSABLE CONTROLS. "WE ARE MORE INCLINED,"
SAID MR. HERBST, "TO THE IDEA THAT ONE CANNOT REFUSE
THESE COUNTRIES A TRANSFER OF MODIFIED TECHNOLOGY
PROTECTED BY CONTROLS."

4. THEREAFTER HERBST SAID THAT "FRANCE IS ALL READY
TO RENOUNCE BUILDING A REPROCESSING PLANT ACCORDING TO
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN IF PAKISTAN
IS WILLING TO RENOUNCE IT."

5. AS TO FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD,
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC SAID, "THERE IS
TOTAL AGREEMENT ON THE PROBLEM OF NONPROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR ARMS, BUT THERE IS CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE
COMMERCIAL AREA."

6. CONCERNING THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES TO TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THIS WEEK, THERE
ARE NOT, ACCORDING TO MR. HERBST, "GREAT RISKS OF
CONFLICT BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
ON ECONOMIC POLICY, BECAUSE," HE SAID, "WE HAVE MADE A
FEW MISTAKES IN SEEKING ECONOMIC STIMULATION BUT NOT TO
THE POINT OF RUNNING THE RISK OF INFLATION. IF THERE
ISN'T AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT, THERE IS AT LEAST A
RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON." GAMMON

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